

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (CLMD)

Austin City Council

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7223

Agenda Number

14.

Meeting Date:

June 23, 2011

Department:

Contract and Land Management

## Subject

Authorize the negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with PB AMERICAS, INC./PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF AMERICAS, INC., Austin, TX, (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation CLMP082, to provide engineering services for the IH-35 Corridor Development Program, a 2010 MOBILITY BOND PROJECT, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

**Purchasing Language:**

Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of five firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.

**Prior Council Action:**



**For More Information:**

Gary Schatz 974-7189; Rolando Fernandez 974-7749; April Shaw 974-7141

**Boards and Commission Action:**



**MBE / WBE:**

This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 16.80% MBE and 19.80% WBE subconsultant participation.

**Related Items:**

## Additional Backup Information

Traffic congestion within the Austin region is recognized by many as one of the major challenges to the future economic, environmental, and social health of the City. Residents of the City are affected daily by long commutes, congested freeway corridors, and a general lack of alternative travel routes. IH-35, running from south to north through the center of the community is among the most congested corridors within the region.

The Capital Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) identified a need for a corridor study of the IH-35 corridor in the region's 2035 Long Range Plan and Metropolitan Planning Work Plan to determine design-level options for maximizing the potential throughput of this corridor. Considering the IH-35 corridor from US 290 to William Cannon Drive, and adjacent transition areas; the selected firm will develop a series of short-, mid- and long-range context sensitive solutions (CSS) that might be carried out by the City, Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) or other relevant stakeholders to provide improved mobility along the corridor within the existing footprint of the facility, including options for transit and/or managed lanes, and for improved connectivity across the corridor.

Due to the complexity of the project, it is anticipated that this project will be completed in multiple phases with the selected firm providing professional engineering services that may include the following activities: public participation, problem definition, identification and refinement of alternatives, technical review, public review and plan refinement, implementation strategy and presentation to Boards, Commissions and/or other interested agencies. If necessary, staff will return to Council for additional authorization to complete this project. Staff anticipates this project will not exceed \$2,500,000. Any further authorization will be contingent upon identification of available funds.

This request allows for the development of an agreement with a qualified responder that Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected responder, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that Council may select another qualified responder and authorize contract negotiations with this provider.

RECOMMENDED FIRM: PB AMERICAS, INC./PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF AMERICAS, INC.  
ALTERNATE FIRM: HDR ENGINEERING, INC.

Participation subgoals stated in the solicitation were 1.90% African American; 9.00% Hispanic; 4.90% Asian/Native; and 15.80% WBE. The staff recommended and alternate firms provided MBE /WBE Compliance Plans that met the goals of the solicitation and were approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to 507 firms on February 18, 2011. The RFQ was obtained by 95 firms, and 5 firms submitted qualification statements. None of the firms were a certified MBE /WBE firm.